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Sent: 3/17/2017 6:30:33 PM
To: Kohler, Amanda [Kohler.Amanda@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: PRESS INQUIRY: ProPublica (DDL 3/22): Open Burn

Ok thanks!

Christine

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Hey Amanda,

Checking in to see if you got a chance to assess if this is something you all can answer by next Wed...? Liz is out today (well, actually everyone else in CSS is out haha) but I can send the info along to our press office.

Thanks!

Christine

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Hi Ken and Amanda,

We've received further questions about OBOD from ProPublica (see below).

In the last set of questions, we advised the reporter to submit a FOIA for more information, have you received any FOIAs on this subject? If so, are any of the questions below covered by any of the FOIAs?

If not, the reporter would like the information below by next Wednesday. Is this a feasible deadline?

Thank you!

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ProPublica
Andrew Lustgarten
DDL 3/22

1. I've obtained the attached partial list of sites that appear to have allowed, or are currently allowing the open burn and detonation of munitions and related waste. I'd like to ask the EPA to confirm the accuracy of this list or point out any caveats to the material which may not be clear to me or to the general public, as I plan to base my reporting on it. In particular and at a minimum, The EPA should let me know if it sees inaccuracies in the number of currently operating, and interim permitted open burn facilities in the U.S.
2. Given the length of this list, could the EPA explain why only seven facilities are listed in the public RCRAInfo database when "open burn" is selected as a site criteria?
3. You've referred me to the RCRAinfo database, which I have used extensively to research this process. The database results show there are seven OBOD sites in the United States. I believe that number is extremely low. Can you confirm to me that this does reflect the accurate count of RCRA permitted OBOD sites in the United States? Or can you confirm that the number of sites is not known by the EPA? (Or explain otherwise?).
4. How is the open burn and detonation of munitions and energetics in the United States different from the burn pits in Iraq and Afghanistan? For this point in particular, through my research and reading of sample permits and

case studies, I am not understanding a difference. So I hope for an EPA response for my story on this, as well any technical explanation of the emissions, burned constituents, distance to public, etc that I might have previously failed to understand.

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